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AT THE THEATERS.

The White Squadron at the Grand—Coming Attractions.

The play setting with which "The White Squadron" opened last evening was one of the prettiest. Interior views over seen in Topeka. It represented the drawing-room of a Brazilian mansion. The pillars of colored marble surrounding the room are so well done as to look almost real. It was the first stage setting of an apartment seen here with the exception of Conradi's "King's Fool" in which a ceiling was used.

The tropical effect of the scene is heightened by a number of fan palms, hired from a Topeka florist, and set about the room.

The play is one that is popular with people of patriotic impulses. Our Americans swagger around and ride rough-shod over the Brazilians who are represented as knaves or fools, in such a manner as to call forth great applause, always looking, of course, to the upper part of the house.

The Brazilians have no chance at all while the Americans are around. Admiral England is up here in bulldozing compared to the American commanding officer of the chapter. He is a topless singer under the nose of high Brazilian authorities in a manner that would certainly secure his recall to disgrace if it actually occurred outside of a menu drama.

The play at times becomes exciting beyond the dreams of Mr. Bradie, of dime novel fame. The villain who goes under the name of Dimitri de Roimach, over villainy at every pore. He is the wickedest man that ever disgraced South America. There are two pretty girls who are called on to endure a great deal of grief, and a number of other actors who do excellently well with the parts they have to play.

The scenery throughout is pretty, and the introduction of the Brazilian ox-cart with an Indian slave and an ox harnessed up together makes a striking scene. There is a matinee this afternoon and the play will be repeated tonight.

May Smith Robbins, who was seen here about three years ago, will appear again at the Grand Monday evening, March 5th, in the musical comedy "Little Trixie." The play has been rewritten and is now in four acts instead of three, as it was when last seen here. The piece is said to be much improved and a number of new features are promised.

The distinguished thought reader Mr. Alexander Johnstone, will be here the last three days of next week, at the Grand opera house.

Every purchaser of a ticket to Bishop Vincent's lecture at the Kansas Avenue, M. E. church Monday night, will be given a good seat.

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TOPEKA FORTUNATE.

Only \$32,500 Damages Awarded Against the City

CITY ATTORNEY HITCHCOOK'S KNOWLEDGE OF THE BUILDING OF THE SEWERS PROVED OF GREAT VALUE IN THE TRIAL.

The city of Topeka was exceedingly fortunate in the verdict which was brought at 8 o'clock last night by the jury at Lawrence in the Decker, Mullins & Berry suit for \$30,000. The jury found for the plaintiffs about \$2,500, which is less by several thousand dollars than some of the councilmen would have compromised for a year ago.

The attorneys in the case put 123 questions to the jury which they, after being out nearly three days, answered with only a few exceptions. Of the amount allowed by the jury, \$1,000 is for damages when work on the sewers was stopped by the removal of the earth near Neely and 30th street severer. The remainder of the amount is for work done which the city amounts owing.

The best part of the verdict, for the city, is that there is enough in the available damages to satisfy the city to pay this judgment without making a new levy. About \$1,000, which the city admits owing, has been paid to those whom Decker, Mullins & Berry owed for labor and material, to prevent them whom the contractors served.

At Washburn, cashier of the Kansas National bank, in the name of which the suit is brought, received a telegram this morning from J. D. Johnson, one of the plaintiffs' attorneys, stating that the jury recommended that damages be awarded to him and informed Mrs. Denman that the boy's mother, came to the city last Saturday and called at the Reform school on Sunday to see her son. Superintendent Hitchcock let her see the boy and she returned to the city. But when she called on Monday again for the same purpose, the red whiskered superintendent gravely shook his head and informed Mrs. Denman that the boy could only be visited once a month. Mrs. Denman is a large, bushy woman, with a loud, sonorous voice, and her general appearance is such that it would command respect anywhere.

She raised herself to her full height and in a loud voice, which was more emphatic than sweet, said: "Mr. Hitchcock, if you don't let me see my boy of mine, I'll get a revolver, and I'll kill your head, as full of evil lead as it is of soap, now."

The superintendent turned pale and began investigating something under his garments but he was stopped by Mrs. Denman, who exclaimed: "I'm a little deaf, and if you have anything to say, talk it out."

With a quick, nervous walk, the superintendent went to the boy's quarters and brought the young man, and Mrs. Denman had a long, pleasant visit with her son.

It is said that when Mr. Hitchcock took full charge of the Reform school that there was a boy hanging around there for three or four days who was "playing" for him, and he went to Kansas City and spent a few days in order to visit him. The boy had a gun and threatened to shoot him. There is no law that prohibits parents and friends from seeing the boy, as is the case in many state institutions, such as the penitentiary. It is safe to say that when Mrs. Denman visits the Reform school again, she will have everything her own way, for Superintendent Hitchcock has come to the conclusion that "what can't be cured, must be endured."

SHE INSPIRES RESPECT.

Mrs. DENMAN WILL SEE HER BOY WHENEVER SHE WANTS TO.

David Denman is the name of a bad, bad boy, who hails from Argentine, but who is now confined in the Reform school. This youthful offender is but ten years old, but he is a cunning little chap, and has caused the superintendent no end of trouble.

He has made the remarkable record of having run away nine times in the last six weeks. It costs the state \$5 every time an escaped Reform school boy is captured, and this of course makes a record against the superintendent. Mrs. Denman, the boy's mother, came to the city last Saturday and called at the Reform school on Sunday to see her son. Superintendent Hitchcock let her see the boy and she returned to the city. But when she called on Monday again for the same purpose, the red whiskered superintendent gravely shook his head and informed Mrs. Denman that the boy could only be visited once a month.

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The Republican state central committee will meet in Topeka March 13, at 7 p.m.

P. W. Giles was Topeka's first postmaster and his salary was two dollars a week.

Doe Smith, who married Mrs. Hillman of insurance fame, was in Topeka last night.

The amount of salaries paid to the city officers for February will be less than \$600.

The Topeka delegates have all returned from the A. O. U. W. Grand Lodge at Fort Scott.

The March winds are the regular March winds. Where is the street sprinkler?

Ten of the thirteen candidates for constable will wish they had their \$5 assessment back.

A bluebird arrived in town today. He is stopping at the Hotel de Elm in Harrison street.

The Methodists of Oakland gave a reception to Mr. and Mrs. R. Wake Wednesday evening.

Oscar Woolverton has bought a pacing colt with a record of 2:20, a full brother of "Silkworm."

Gen. Mackey, the Indian pitcher, has signed with the Memphis team of the Southern league.

Major W. N. Ewing, national bank examiner, is talking of opening a permanent office in Topeka.

Tom Norton, who is now a law student at the State university, visited his Topeka friends a few hours yesterday.

Owing to the drop in the price of high grade bicycles, there will be a great many new ones purchased this year.

At the city building they are beginning to abbreviate the Decker, Mullins & Berry law suit to "D. M. & B. case."

The Santa Fe receives \$16 as its share for hauling passengers to the Pacific coast out of the \$20 Missouri river rate.

At the meeting of the Ministerial union Monday morning, Bishop Vincent will take part in a symposium on "Sermon Building."

Geo. Adams was taken out to the poor farm Thursday. He was an old tramp and got sick, and unable even to ply his profession.

The citizens of Anthony, on the Missouri Pacific, have petitioned the railroad commissioners to furnish them better travel service.

Thirty-six dollars was raised by the entertainment at Unity church given by the Ladies' Music Club for the kindergartens association.

The county alliance yesterday afternoon adopted resolutions censuring Senator Martin for introducing the bill to re-elect Judge Foster.

The gallery at the Grand opera house amused itself last night by throwing wads of gum at an extremely bold-headed man who sat close to the orchestra.

With the round trip to California at \$35, all the people who want to go to California will go, when the tide drops to \$5 even the people who don't want to go will go.

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Rev. D. W. Frazer was given a surprise on Tuesday evening by a number of friends in Holman's addition, namely: Messrs. and Mesdames Hastings, Hamlin, Yockey, Taggart, Shorey, Aspinwall, Dennis, Edna Best, Frank McCormick, Caro, Ponfield, May Hillier, Edith Isbell, Lou Taylor, Ella Wilson, Lucy Hale, Marie Brooks, Anna Jones, May Everett, Daisy Lakin, Helen McClure, Helen Green, Shepherd, Florence Lewis, Daisy Wilkinson of Ottawa, Miss Shubert, Edna Valentine and Mrs. Sargent.

Another thimble party was given this afternoon by Miss Edell Campbell and was as productive of enjoyment as only affairs of this kind can be. Her guests were nearly all old school friends and in the pleasant reminiscences it is to be feared that the needle work was somewhat neglected.

Among the invited guests were Misses Besse Rogers, Ruth Nash, Jessie Rogers, May Lewis, Nina Gillett, Blanche Brad, Lydia Burnham, Birdie Laddington, Helen Stauffer, Ida Barter, Gertrude Johnston, Ella Bradford, Maud Veazie, Buelah and Lizzie Lee, Lutie Johnson, Lou Nash, Tannie Clegg, Emma Burgess, Edith Moore, Ida Stagg, Minnie Davis, Jessie Garwood, Mabel Moore, Willa Rodgers, Mabel Quigley and Alice Flynn.

The marriage of Mr. Seddon J. Thatcher and Mrs. Carrie Duncan occurred on the evening of February 21st, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Duncan. The ceremony was performed by Justice Westgate, in the presence of the relatives and a few of the old family friends. An elaborate wedding supper was served, and the evening was spent in social enjoyment. The bride and groom received many valuable and useful presents, besides the best wishes of many friends.

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The actors who will take part in Charles Elliott's "Ten Nights in a Bar Room," arrived in Topeka today. "Hannibal" Nelson, his advance agent, went to Lawrence today. It plays here on the 21st, then goes to Nebraska, and then goes to Nebraska.

Miss Edna Best entertained Misses Hatch, Fauble and Helen Moon; Messrs. Walter Burgess, Fred Kingsley, Cliff Bisted and Ed McBride at cards last evening.

The jury in the Whiting damage case against the Topeka Water company late last evening returned to the court room and announced that they were unable to arrive at a verdict and were discharged.

This is the second time this case has been tried and the jury disagreed both times. Nine jurors voted to allow damages and three voted against that proposition.

Preparations are already being made for the entertainment of the delegates to the state convention of the Y. P. S. C. F., which meets in this city in May. The Junior Endeavours and all Sunday school scholars living south of the river were requested to meet at the Presbyterian church this afternoon at 4 o'clock to organize a chorus, which will furnish music at the convention. It will be called the "Junior Chorus."

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Five hundred tickets have been issued for Bishop Vincent's lecture on "That Boy." Every ticket holder will have a seat at the Kansas Avenue M. E. church

latter part of this month, at the home of the Misses Crane.

Ed Miser of Newton spent Friday in the city.

W. J. Radcliff has gone to Carthage, Mo., to spend a week with his parents.

Mrs. Ed Lair gave a dinner party on Thursday.

Mrs. M. Levi and Miss Fannie McCaslin will return from Chicago Tuesday.

Nikes Julie and Mary Walker will entertain at cards tonight.

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